

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Phillip E. Miller on 04/24/2009.

The application has been amended as follows: Claim 5 is cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 31, 34, 37, 38, 40-45, 47, 49, 53, 57 and 58 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to disclose a methylated hydrogen silsesquioxane layer having a CH_3SiO_2 group, a HSiO_2 group and a SiO_3 group, wherein a molar ratio of said groups is at least 0.5 as disclosed in claims 1, 41, 42 and 49

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JULIO J. MALDONADO whose telephone number is (571)272-1864. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Smith can be reached on (571)-272-1907. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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